

# Anthony Charles Andrews

## F-105 History

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15-Jul-67

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The twelfth F-105 RTU Class 67JR graduated at McConnell AFB KS. The class started on 13 Feb 67 with 22 pilots, all but two from the Air Defense Command. However, one pilot was eliminated due to a fear of flying. The class was named "Roaring 20 + 1".

Maj James D. Murray, Jr. was the "Top Gun" in the class.

The class deployed for conventional weapons delivery training to George AFB CA between 30 Jun - 14 Jul 1967 with the 560 TFS. The squadron commander was Lt Col Louis D. Braun, Jr.

The graduating pilots and their SEA squadron assignments (where known) were:

Col Carl M. Hagle - Did not graduate	Maj Donald Eugene "Digger" Odell - 34 TFS
Lt Col William C. Decker - 469 TFS	Maj Paul F. Swanson - Korat
Lt Col Orland W. Jensen - 354 TFS	Capt Anthony Charles Andrews - 34 TFS
Maj David C. Dickson, Jr. - 34 TFS	Capt Douglas A. Beyer - 34 TFS
Maj Robert W. Hagerman - 469 TFS	Capt Lawrence R. Klinestiver - 34 TFS
Maj Leslie J. Hauer - 469 TFS	Capt William H. Nottingham - 333 TFS
Maj Stanley Henry Horne - 469 TFS	Capt Robert A. Zang - 469 TFS
Maj David D. Igelman - 34 TFS	1Lt William Wallace Butler - 469 TFS
Maj Ronald Ruynan King - 333 TFS	1Lt Earl J. Henderson - 469 TFS
Maj Thomas P. Larson - 354 TFS	1Lt James L. Taylor - ?
Maj James D. Murray, Jr. - 469 TFS	

Col Hagle did not complete his F-105 training due to ulcers.

Maj Dickson was a former ADC F-106 pilot from Selfridge AFB, MI. Before starting his F-105 training at McConnell, he settled his wife, Carolyn and children near her hometown of Sherman, Texas, near Perrin AFB where he had been stationed earlier. His family remained there during his combat tour. When he departed for Korat in August, he was seen off at the airport by his wife's two uncles, George and Ben Blanton, Carolyn's mother's brothers. As a departing gift, they gave him a box of cigars and instructions to smoke one with a drink after each combat mission. During his stay at Korat, Dickson used the backs of the cigar bands to record each of his combat missions. (Dickson interview)

1Lt Bill Butler and 1Lt Earl Henderson were two ADC F-106 pilots from the 94 FIS at Selfridge. After their F-105 training, both pilots went to Jungle Survival School at Clark AB, Philippines, en route to Korat. "Bill Butler was born on November 29, 1941, in Grass Valley, California. He was commissioned a 2d Lt in the U.S. Air Force through the Air Force ROTC program on December 18, 1963, and went on active duty beginning March 4, 1964. Lt Butler next completed Undergraduate Pilot Training and was awarded his pilot wings at Reese AFB, Texas, in March 1965, followed by F-102 Delta Dagger Combat Crew Training from May to October 1965. His first assignment was as an F-102 pilot with the 94th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Selfridge AFB, Michigan, from November 1965 to February 1967, and he then attended F-105 Thunderchief Combat Crew Training from February to July 1967. ..." (<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.php?recordID=1708>.)

Maj Odell and Capt Zang were also F-106 pilots from the 71 FIS at Selfridge.

Maj Igelman came from Ent AFB, Colorado, where he was a computer programmer in the 1st Aerospace Surveillance and Control Squadron. This squadron kept track of all space objects orbiting the Earth. In prior assignments he had flown F-86Ds and F-102s at Selfridge and F-102s at Goose Bay, Labrador. He arrived at Korat in August 1967 and flew his first combat mission in early September.

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Capt Beyer had been an F-104 pilot assigned to the 331 FIS at Big Spring TX. Both he and Capt Andrews reported to the 34 TFS in August 1967. (Doug Beyer, e-mail 27 Apr 10)

*23 TFW History, Jan - Jun 67, USAF microfilm MO554 & telephone interview, Carolyn Dickson, 23 Apr 2009 & Earl Henderson, e-mails 13 July 2007 and 3 Aug 2009 & Dave Igelman, e-mail 4 Apr 10.*

### 16-Oct-67

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1Lt Earl J. Henderson, 469 TFS, 388 TFW, did not fly today but commented in his combat diary on recent F-105 losses.

"Digger O'Dell [Maj Donald Eugene "Digger" Odell, 34 TFS, POW] and Tony Andrews [Capt Anthony Charles Andrews, 34 TFS, POW] shot down today on pack VI target [Dap Cau RR Yards]. Three airplanes in first flight got it. No one sure cause."

*Earl Henderson, combat diary.*

### 17-Oct-67

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The Wild Weasel crew of Capt Robert E. Dorrrough, Jr. and EWO Maj Clarence S. "Bud" Summers from the 44 TFS flew their 67th mission over North Vietnam.

"Tues - Flew an early A.M. (#67). Led a two-ship to Pack 1 on another 'Buff' support. No SAM activity down there for some time.

"I was really beat, and spent the rest of the day in the sack. We lost three 'Ds' near Hanoi this afternoon. All from one flight [Hotrod], all from 85-mm. Only one chute was seen." [Capt Dwight Everett Sullivan, Capt Anthony Charles Andrews, and Maj Donald Eugene "Digger" O'Dell, all from the 34 TFS, all POWs.]

*Bob Dorrrough's Combat Diary*

### 17-Oct-67

F-105D 610205 34 TFS 388 TFW Korat Hit by 37/57-mm AAA while attacking the Dap Cau RR Yards. Crashed in RP-6A, North Vietnam. 21-11N 106-05E Capt Anthony Charles Andrews 34 TFS pilot became a POW. Released 14 Mar 73. Call sign: "Hot Rod 04". Capt Anthony C. Andrews flew as Hotrod 04, in a flight of four, on a strike mission to Dap Cau RR Yards, North Vietnam. His element lead was Maj Floyd E. Heinzig. The flight took off from Korat at 08:40 and Capt Andrews was shot down at 10:43.

"Capt Andrews was number four in a flight of four F-105 aircraft call sign: Hotrod. His aircraft was hit by flak as he was pulling off target and climbing through 6000 feet. His element lead, Hotrod 3, saw his aircraft go out of control, but did not see the aircraft impact. Hotrod 1 and 2 [Major Dwight E. Sullivan and Capt Donald Eugene "Digger" O'Dell] had been shot down on roll in. No one saw Capt Andrews eject or saw a chute. There was already a beeper on the air from either Hotrod 1 or Hotrod 2. None of the members of the following flights reported seeing this incident. A photograph of Capt Andrews has been released by Hanoi which identifies him as a prisoner." ("PACAF Intelligence Index of USAF Personnel MIA/PW in Southeast Asia", pg 3-173, AFHRA Call # K717.6031-3.)

Capt Andrews had accumulated 168.8 hours in the F-105. (F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.)

*U.S. Navy CNA Loss/Damage Data Base*

### 14-Mar-73

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The fourth set of POWs was released from North Vietnam during "Operation Homecoming". Among the 107 military prisoners released on this Wednesday, were 26 F-105 pilots and EWOs who had been shot down between 3 August 1967 (Capt Wallace Grant Newcomb) and 9 August 1968 (Col David William Winn).

Col Roger Dean Ingvalson was one of the F-105 pilots released today. He had been Operations Officer of the 34 TFS

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and was downed by AAA on 28 May 1968.

Col James E. Bean was released in this group. He had been the 388 TFW Deputy Commander for Operations. He was shot down on 3 January 1968 while flying with the 469 TFS. "He was briefly hospitalized to recover from his injuries, and then attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces before retiring from the Air Force on September 18, 1974."

Col John P. Flynn was in the group of POWs. He had been the 388 TFW Wing Vice Commander when he was shot down on 27 October 1967. He flew with the 34 TFS.

Maj Raymond Walter Vissotzky from the 34 TFS, shot down and captured on 19 November 1967, was another F-105 pilot released today.

Maj Dwight E. Sullivan from the 34 TFS was also released from Hanoi today. "... He was briefly hospitalized to recover from his injuries at March AFB, California, and then attended Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, from August 1973 to August 1974. His final assignment was as Assistant Deputy Commander for Logistics and then Deputy Commander for Maintenance with the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin AFB, Texas, from August 1974 until his retirement from the Air Force on June 1, 1978." (<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.asp?ID=1085>)

Capt Anthony Charles Andrews from the 34 TFS, shot down on 17 October 1967, was one of the 26 F-105 pilots released today. "My home town is Chico, California, where I was born and remained until after finishing two years of college. Next I attended the University of California at Berkeley where I finished as an Electrical Engineer in 1963. My Air Force career started that Fall. "Anthony Andrews left the Air Force after his return home. He now works for a major airline." (<http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/a/a041.htm>)

Maj Donald E. "Digger" Odell from the 34 TFS was in today's POW release. He had been downed in the same flight as Maj Sullivan and Capt Andrews.

Also released was Capt Thomas E. Norris from the 469 TFS shot down on 12 Aug 1967.

Capt Carl William Lasiter was released today. He was from the 34 TFS and had been shot down by a MiG-21 on 4 February 1979.

Capt Jay Criddle Hess was released today. He had been with the 357 TFS when he was shot down on 24 August 1967. He returned to March AFB on March 17, 1973. Hess was a prisoner of war for more than five years after enemy fire downed his F-105 bomber. A photo of his daughter running to greet him was printed in the Los Angeles Times. The photographer was Ben Olender. "Heidi Hess, 9, runs to greet her father, Air Force Maj. Jay C. Hess, at March Air Force Base following his release by the North Vietnamese. ... On the weekend of March 17-18, 60 former POWs were flown from the Philippines to three bases around the United States. Maj. Hess was one of 20 former POWs flown to March AFB." (<http://framework.latimes.com/2010/11/11/welcome-home/>)

Maj Elmo C. Baker was released today. He was in the 357 TFS when he was shot down on 23 Aug 1967. "Upon his return, 'Mo' Baker was awarded numerous medals, badges and decorations which included, the Silver Star with 3 OLC, the Bronze Star with Device, the Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 OLC, the Air Medal with 10 OLC, Purple Heart and the Legion of Merit. Although Baker's wife divorced him upon his arrival home, his two children chose to live with him. In reflection, he says the medical follow-up was very good, but the Air Force was VERY inept at helping the returnees re-adjust. He says they were usually assigned staff work, with little regard for command experience gained in captivity. They were given no help on getting their careers back on track." (1997 update in <http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/b/b074.htm>.)

Maj Robert Lewis Stirm was also released today. From the 333 TFS, he had been hit by a SAM on 27 October

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1967. "I attended San Mateo Park School, San Mateo High School, and San Mateo Junior College, California. I then went to the University of Colorado where I studied Mechanical Engineering. I entered Aviation Cadets in the summer of 1953." (<http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/s/s117.htm>.)

A photo of Stirm's family greeting him on the ramp at Travis AFB on 17 March 1973 was taken by Associated Press photographer Slava "Sal" Veder. The photo, titled "Burst of Joy", received a Pulitzer Prize for feature photography in 1974. ([http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Coming\\_Home.html](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Coming_Home.html))

Also released was Col Richard A. Dutton, a Wild Weasel pilot from the 333 TFS, who had been shot down on 5 November 1967. "... Now I am home and my biggest job is to become a father instead of 'that man Mama's been telling us about.'" (<http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/d/d063.htm>)

Capt William Wallace Butler from the 469 TFS, shot down on 20 Nov 67, was one of the F-105 pilots released today. "Capt Butler was briefly hospitalized to recover from his injuries at Travis AFB, California, and then received an Air Force Institute of Technology Assignment to attend the University of California from September 1973 until he left active duty on June 30, 1974. After leaving the Air Force, Bill completed his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree ...." (<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.php?recordID=1708>) "I'll give you more information on myself and current status now. My physical condition overall is excellent. I've gained back a few needed pounds and suffer no serious illnesses or malformations, as some of the men that you've probably seen. Being with my wife, Julie, again, is truly wonderful, as we are both still happily in love. Our two children, Peter, 6, born 8 months before I left the USA, and Sheila, 5, born 4 months after I left, are the greatest! I think 'Daddy' is still a novelty around the house, but we are having a ball getting to know one another. My plans for the future are as yet uncertain. Things have changed a lot in America, and I'll need some time to adjust and decide on a future for our family." (<http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/b/b111.htm>)

Col David W. Winn was the 355 TFW Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations flying with the 357 TFS when he was shot down on 9 Aug 1968. "I was born in Austin, Minnesota, and had a totally unspectacular childhood. I went off to Carroll College, just outside of Milwaukee, to get two years of college in order to qualify for the Army Air Corps. When the age and college requirements were dropped following Pearl Harbor, I dropped school, and graduated from pilot training in February 1943.

"During the next five years, I flew nearly all the fighters we had, but my World War II combat flying was in Martin B-26's and the photo version of the P-38. I instructed gunnery for three years at Williams Field, Arizona in P-47's, P-51's and P-80's until 1948, when I switched to the Minnesota Air National Guard to look for a wife and an education.

"Without achieving either, I was recalled to active duty in February 1951. But Mary Flumerfelt married me on Flag Day in 1952, and the Air Force Bootstrap program got me a University of Minnesota degree in Journalism in 1958.

"We had a most rewarding year in Yorkshire (flying Hawker Hunters and English Electric Lightnings, Mk. 11) plus eight months at Fighter Command Headquarters at Stanmore on exchange with the R.A.F. Mary finally added a daughter, Helen, to our family of sons, David Jr., Frank and Peter, while we were in England.

"After two puzzling years in the Pentagon, my prejudices were totally shattered by a very rich year at the National War College at Ft. McNair, during which I completed graduate studies in international relations.

"The post, post-graduate training in Hanoi was next. I was a two-time loser, having been downed in April 1968 and again on 9 August.

"I don't know how to put those 55 months at Hoa Lo and the Plantation into words right now - maybe someday. For me, that experience has to marinate awhile." (<http://www.pownetwork.org/bios/w/w072.htm>)

"He was promoted to the grade of brigadier general April 2, 1973, with date of rank March 30, 1973."

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"In August 1973 General Winn was appointed vice commander, Sheppard Technical Training Center, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He then became deputy commander of the 22d NORAD Region, Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Ontario, Canada. He served in this position from August 1974 to August 1976, when he became chief of staff, Headquarters NORAD/ADCOM, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo." On May 27, 1977, he became "... commander of the North American Air Defense Command Combat Operations Center located in Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo." (USAF biography on-line at <http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/Biographies/Display/tabid/225/Article/105193/brigadier-general-david-w-winn.aspx>.)

Winn retired as a Brigadier General on July 1, 1978.

*"Honor Bound" by Stuart I. Rochester and Frederick Kiley, pg 585 &  
<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.asp?ID=1030>.*